

Ascension Sunday June 1, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Lord, Be Glorified" *arr. Mark Hayes*
Pianist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" *arr. Frederic H. Hedge*
Henry Black, Guitar

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 47) Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the LORD is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God; sing praises to our King; sing praises!
For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations; Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (vs. 1-4) 41

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen and Ascended Lord, You have been exalted to the right hand of God, crowned with glory and clothed in light. You call us to be Your witnesses to the ends of the earth, but we remain rooted in doubt and fear. You open our minds to understand the Scriptures, yet we are slow to listen and slow to believe. You bless us as You ascend, yet we are reluctant to bless others in Your name.

***Forgive us, O Christ, for the times we live as though You were still in the tomb, as though Your power were not at work in us.
Have mercy on us. Open our hearts to trust in Your power, and renew in us the joy of Your salvation.***

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I let the story of Jesus' ascension make me a grace-filled and joy-filled person?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: God has raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at God's right hand in the heavenly places—

The risen Christ reigns not only in the heavenly realm but in our hearts by faith.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are made new, and we are sent to be His witnesses.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Brady Rhodes

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, just as Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures, so now open our minds by Your Holy Spirit.

Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which You have called us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Scan to sign-in and let us know you were here.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 1:15-23

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

“You are witnesses of these things”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“There Is Now a New Creation”

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OFFERING

All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.

OFFERTORY

“Above All”

arr. Glenda Austin

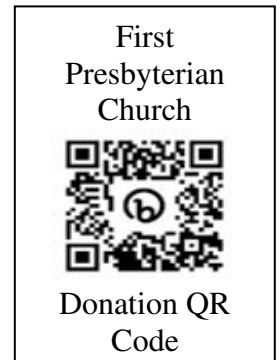
*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sovereign God, You reign over all the earth with justice, mercy, and love. You have placed all things under Christ’s feet and made Him the head of the church, which is His body. We offer these gifts in joyful praise, that Your kingdom may come and Your name be glorified. Use them—and use us—for Your purposes in the world, until all the earth sings praises to Your name. Amen.



INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give You thanks that in this meal we have been nourished by Christ, who is ascended and enthroned yet still with us always. As Christ lifted His hands and blessed the disciples before ascending, so now You have blessed us in this holy feast. Strengthen us in faith, fill us with gratitude, and send us forth with joy, to be Your witnesses in the world. Amen.

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “We Are the Church”

Avery & Marsh

***The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place; the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we’re the church
together!***

POSTLUDE

“A Day of Joy and Gladness”

Lani Smith

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

Saturday, June 7:

7pm: Free concert in the Sanctuary featuring artist Daniel Christian

Sunday, June 8:

10:30am Pentecost Worship in the Sanctuary – Wear red!

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast
on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Mary Jo and Frank Emmons.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Irma and Floyd Hansen, Beth Marvel Marti and Archie Marvel, Oline and Richard Marvel, and Alice and Jack Marvel by family.

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #4) Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald

GREETERS

June Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
1	Connie & Richard McClenahan	Andrew Barrows
8	May & Ira Wierenga	Kim Hermann
15	Brent & Erica Brooks	Carol & Jim Harrenstein
22	John & Linda Carllson	Melissa Davis
29	Karen & Roger Doerr	Cathy & John Pershing

FPC PRESENTS
**ELEMENTARY
MOVIE CLUB**
5-7PM

In-coming Kindergarteners - 5th graders are invited to join us for a monthly movie showing and related Bible lesson.

FREE EVENT

JUNE 1 **JULY 6** **AUG 3**

PIZZA AND POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL


FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (402) 462-5147

VBS 2025
SCUBA
Dive into friendship with God!

Join us June 23-26 as we dive into an unforgettable adventure with *Scuba Vacation Bible School*!

Kids will plunge into an ocean of discovery, exploring the depths of God's love through exciting Bible stories, engaging activities, and hands-on fun. Each day, we'll dive deeper into themes of faith, friendship, and the boundless love of Jesus. Don't miss this week of underwater exploration—register today and get ready to make a splash!

Scan the code or visit FPCastings.org to register!



June Communion Offering

Central Navigators of the Community Impact Network through United Way

May Communion Offering Update

The May communion offering raised a total of **\$990**, which will benefit **Open Table**. Thank you for your generous support.





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

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Daniel Christian

Saturday, June 7, 2025

7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Sanctuary



Daniel Christian is a Nashville recording artist known for his heartfelt lyrics, storytelling, and Americana charm. A former high school English teacher, he's spent over a decade touring nationally, performing at venues like the Bluebird Cafe and SXSW. Daniel has opened for acts including The Fixx, Selah, and Montgomery Gentry, and earned two National Country Music Festival awards along with nine Omaha Entertainment Award nominations. A member of NARAS, the Nebraska Arts Council, and a founding member of NSAI Nebraska, he continues to write, record, and inspire audiences across the country.

Sunday 6/1	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	5-7pm	Elementary Movie Club	Basement Youth Room
Monday 6/2	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 6/3	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	TBD
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 6/4	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 6/5	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 6/6	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 6/7	3pm	Daniel Christian Songwriters Workshop	Fellowship Hall
	7pm	Daniel Christian Concert	Sanctuary
Sunday 6/8		Pentecost Sunday	Wear Red!
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

Featuring:
Gracie's Uncles

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings presents:

Bluegrass/Americana Worship!

Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 10:30am
621 N. Lincoln Street

Join us in-person, on KICS 1550 AM radio,
or on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/fpchastings



First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Presents:

Singer/Songwriter Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

Leading us in worship and teaching us original new songs from Vacation Bible School!

Sunday, June 22 10:30am

In-person, on KICS 1550 AM or on Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/fpchastings All are welcome!



"Campfire Folk Music" Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Featuring:



Join us at 10:30am on Sunday, June 29 – All are welcome!

In-person, on KICS 1550 AM or on Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/fpchastings





PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women Father's Day Offering

Presbyterian Women will be collecting a Father's Day Offering. We will be set up in the Memorial Room on Sundays, June 1 and June 15 to take donations. You may donate in honor of a father or in memory of a father. Proceeds will go

to Living Waters for the World.

Living Waters for the World (LWW) **trains volunteers** to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to **implement and operate** sustainable water purification systems and health education programs.

[LWW Networks](#) come alongside water teams and partners throughout every phase of a water project. They provide essential support for **sustainable** water systems that produce **clean water for a generation**.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Living Waters for the World. Unlike organizations that rely on paid staff to initiate and execute water projects, Living Waters for the World relies on volunteer teams trained by volunteer instructors working within volunteer-led networks. LWW's small staff of 3 full-time and 3 part-time employees exists to facilitate the activity and long-term impact of this volunteer force.

Over 2,000 individuals have trained at [Clean Water U](#), and they have engaged an estimated 10,000+ volunteers as members of LWW water teams. Volunteers have also guided the establishment of international networks, the development of Clean Water U's curriculum, and much more!

Volunteers have made LWW what it is today and will play an integral role in ensuring clean water for generations in the communities LWW serves.

FREE ADMISSION

Evening of WORSHIP

AN EVENING TO GATHER THE COMMUNITY
OF HASTINGS AND SURROUNDING AREAS TO
LIFT UP THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST
THROUGH WORSHIP AND THE WORD OF GOD!

SUNDAY
JUNE 8, 2025 | 5:30-7:30 PM
📍 BRICKYARD PARK, HASTINGS NE

Gather :: Hastings

SPEAKERS:

- NOLAN KOHMETSCHER - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
- JONATHAN BARRIOS - YOUTH FOR CHRIST

FOOD TRUCKS AT 5:00 PM:

- MEAN BONE BBQ & BURGERS
- IRMA'S AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD
- SPECIAL SCOOPS

MUSIC:

- OUR COMMUNITY PRAISE BAND THAT LED WORSHIP AT GATHER25!

Free will donations will be accepted with a portion of the proceeds donated back to FCA and Platte Valley YFC.

*Save the
DATE*

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | 5:30-7:30 PM
📍 BRICKYARD PARK, HASTINGS NE



Please pray for

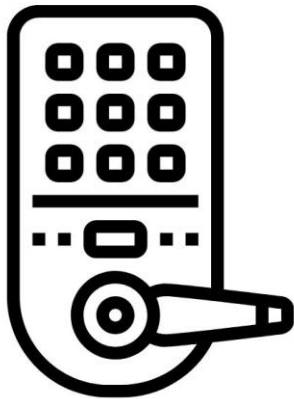
Elaine Schumacher
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Janelle Baideme
John Pershing
Susan Oliver and family
Jim Boeve

Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Pam Canady
Kathy (Adams) Carrier
Monte Malouf
Eli Struss
Carole Pedersen
Lexi Longshore
Doug Rasmussen
Willis Horton

Mary Lewis
Judd Carrier
family of Jane Tushaus
Charlene Cebell
Alyssa Donley
Nathan Lunstrum
Nytha & Dave Glass
Ashley Ibach
Stacey Eddleman & family
Mary & Ken Fisk

In memory of

Jane Tushaus, who passed away on 4/9/25
Ron Bourke, who passed away on 5/9/25



Door Codes

Our door code system has been updated on our church, kitchen, and PEACE Center doors. You will now need your own individual code to access the church after hours. If you need to access the kitchen door or the PEACE Center, please contact the church office to get a code.



Relay For Life

Relay for Life has been a way for our church family to remember loved ones we have lost to cancer and to honor those who have survived. At the same time we support the American Cancer Society.

Luminaries can be purchased by filling out a form and submitting it with your donation (\$10 each) to our First Presbyterian Church team through our church office or to our team captain, Susie Graham. (402) 469-2638. Please make checks payable to American Cancer Society.

Luminaries will be displayed in our Sanctuary in early June and at the Relay for Life in Kearney at Harmon Park on June 6. Thank you.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Central Nebraska

Your name _____

Your Phone # _____

Yes, I would like _____ luminaries at \$10 each.

Name of Individual being honored or remembered	In Honor	In Memory	Donation

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings *Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873*

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Brett Epperson
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Director of Children & Family
Ministries: Rose Koepp
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey